

WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System, including the Jordan River and its tributaries.

The meeting was held at the Salt Lake City Water Department, 1530 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 28, 1977 at 10:00 a.m.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

Donald C. Norseth	Division of Water Rights
Edward D. Feldt	Division of Water Rights
C. F. Stillman	Kennecott Copper Corporation
James B. Lee	(Attorney) Kennecott Copper Corporation
Richard Carlquist	(President) Draper Irrigation Company
Leland W. Withers	(President) South Jordan Canal Company
Reed Mackay	(Superintendent) South Jordan Canal Co.
Vern H. Morgan	Utah & Salt Lake Canal Company
Alma Fairbourn	(President) East Jordan Irrigation Co.
Rell Swensen	North Jordan Irrigation Company
Charles W. Wilson	(Superintendent) Salt Lake Water Department
David B. Gardner	(Commissioner) Utah Lake & Jordan River
Bill Marcovecchio	Director, East Jordan Canal
John Sutton	Utah & Salt Lake Canal
Arden B. Tesch	Utah Lake Distributing Company
Orin Van Valkenburg	Jordan & Salt Lake Canal Company
Cayde Gilliam	U, V, Industries

Those present but with no voting powers were David B. Gardner, Water Commissioner; Donald C. Norseth and Edward D. Feldt of the State Engineer's Office; Reed Mackay, Superintendent of the South Jordan Canal Company; John Sutton, Utah & Salt Lake Canal Company; Bill Marcovecchio, East Jordan Irrigation Company; and Orin Van Valkenburg, Jordan & Salt Lake Canal Company. It was determined by canvass of those present that there was adequate qualified representatives to form a quorum; therefore, the meeting was considered official.

Mr. Donald C. Norseth of the State Engineer's Office called the meeting to order and gave a brief resume of the water outlook for this district. He indicated that there was a definite drouth situation which was not only local

but completely state wide. From his most up-to-date information, the State stood at approximately 37% of normal. He indicated that the companies with reservoirs would fare much better than those districts without, and in the case of Utah Lake & Jordan River Distribution System, he felt we were in good shape. Mr. Norseth then indicated the next order of business was the selection of a Chairman and a Secretary for this meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Charles W. Wilson act as Chairman and David B. Gardner act as Secretary. No other nominations, a vote was taken and passed unanimously. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Wilson, who then asked all members present to review the minutes taken January 21, 1976. After some minor corrections, a motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Withers, that the minutes stand approved as read.

Mr. Wilson indicated the next order of business was the review of the financial statement submitted to the membership. Mr. Norseth of the State Engineer's Office reviewed this statement with the members. He noted that there were two delinquent assessments; namely, the Beckstead Ditch Company and the Mousley Ditch Company. After some discussion, Mr. Gardner indicated that he would check into these delinquent assessments and report back to Mr. Norseth. A motion was made by Mr. Carlquist, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Financial Statement be accepted and made part of these minutes. The motion was voted and passed unanimously.

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1977

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds, January 1, 1976:	\$ 3,989.80
B. Receipts and Expenditures:	
1. Receipts	
(a) Regular Assessments	\$ 22,802.36
(b) Delinquent Collections	- 0 -
(c) Total Receipts	\$ 22,802.36
2. Total Expenditures (see attached)	\$ 21,916.11
C. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds, December 31, 1976:	\$ 4,876.05

Mr. Wilson noted that the balance in the Distribution Fund as of December 31, 1976 was in the amount of \$4,876.05. He felt that it would be advantageous to hold this balance at this amount. No objections to this recommendation were voiced by the membership and therefore will stand at that amount.

Mr. Wilson indicated the next order of business was the election of a Water Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for the recommendation to the State Engineer. A motion was made by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Stillman, that David B. Gardner be recommended for the position of Commissioner of the Utah Lake & Jordan River and that Jack B. Rindlisbach be recommended as his Deputy Commissioner for the period of January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1977, or until a successor be appointed and qualified. Motion voted

and passed unanimously. The salaries and expenses of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner were submitted next. The Commissioner's salary was set at \$7,800 per year, payable in twelve equal monthly installments for such portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said system and to file with the State Engineer's Office an annual report of said distribution system. In addition to the above salary, the District shall pay \$15 per month telephone expense, \$30 per month office rent, and automobile expenses of \$.15 per mile while on official duty. The Deputy Commissioner's salary was set at \$8,500 per year, payable in twelve equal monthly installments. The District shall pay an automobile expense of \$.15 per mile while on official duty. Mr. Rindlisbach, Deputy Water Commissioner, shall be granted two weeks vacation to be taken prior to June 1st or after August 15th. All vacation time must be approved in advance by Commissioner Gardner. Mr. Rindlisbach shall also be allowed some weekends off during the summertime; these dates also to be approved by Commissioner Gardner. In addition, the District shall pay the entire retirement contribution from the District's fund for both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to the maximum allowed by law. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then indicated the next order of business was the election of a committee to represent the Water Users of said District and to transact any business with the State Engineer's Office on behalf of the Water Users for the year 1977. The committee so selected is as follows:

Charles W. Wilson	Richard Carlquist	Alma Fairbourn
Charles F. Stillman	David B. Gardner	

A motion was made by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Lee, that these men act as the Committee for the same pay. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then indicated the next order of business was the setting of a budget for 1977. The budget so proposed is as follows:

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<u>Budget Item No.</u>	<u>Description of Budget Item</u>	
1.	Commissioner's Salary	\$ 7,800.00
1-C	Matching Social Security Tax (5.85%)	456.30
1-F	State Retirement Contribution (12.10%)	943.80
2.	Deputy Commissioner's Salary	8,500.00
2-C	Matching Social Security Tax	497.25
2-F	State Retirement Contribution	1,028.50
3.	Commissioner's Travel Expense (\$.15/Mile)	600.00
4.	Deputy Commissioner's Travel Expense	500.00
5.	Commissioner's Telephone Expense .	180.00
6.	New Equipment Expense	100.00
7.	Bonds & Insurance Premiums	150.00
8.	Commissioner's Annual Report (1976)	550.00
9.	Office Supplies	100.00
10.	Miscellaneous & Contingency Fund	400.00
11.	Office Rent	360.00
12.	Health Insurance Contribution	1,023.00
13.	Distribution Expenses	700.00
14.	Utah Water Users Association	500.00 *
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	Total	\$ 24,388.85

* To be determined by Committee action.

A motion was made by Mr. Fairbourn, seconded by Mr. Swensen, that the Committee be authorized to spend up to \$500 of the budget for the assessment made by the Utah Water Users Association. An amendment to the motion was

then made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Swensen that the Committee be authorized to investigate and see whether or not, in their judgement, any additional money should be paid to the Utah Water Users Association by this group, and that the total budget be set at \$24,388.85. Amendment to the motion was voted and passed unanimously. Next, the original motion was voted on and passed. In addition, the State Engineer shall be authorized to use any surplus or bank balance remaining to the credit of the association on December 31, 1976, to meet expenses until such time as the 1977 assessments are collected, and that the State Engineer be authorized to charge a 10% penalty on all assessment accounts that are sixty days delinquent. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson indicated that the next order of business was to have David B. Gardner report to the users as to the water outlook for the year of 1977. That report is as follows:

The irrigation water outlook for the users of the Utah Lake & Jordan River Distribution System is considered to be in good condition in that Utah Lake is above its 15-year average with the elevation of Utah Lake being a 2.13 feet below compromise as of January 1, 1977.

From October 1 thru December 31, 1976, the precipitation on the Utah Lake drainage was far below its average, with only a minimum of snow pack being accumulated on this watershed and the outlook for additional precipitation through the balance of winter and into spring is also considered far below normal. I predict that Utah Lake will peak at approximately 1.00 feet below compromise and if the drouth continues, the Lake will end its season on October 15, 1977 at approximately 5.00 feet below compromise which will carry the irrigators through the 1977 season in fine shape. It's not the 1977 season that bothers me; but if this condition continues through 1978, then the real problem begins. I would, therefore, recommend to the users under this system to conserve all the water they possibly can for future needs.

As this body is well aware, the culinary uses for the Salt Lake Valley is in serious condition. Plans have been put into effect to build up the maximum amount of storage for these needs.

One directly affecting Utah Lake rights is the request made by the Provo River Water Users Association to store water in Deer Creek under Application No. 12144 that normally would reach Utah Lake. The total amount of water to be stored is approximately 13,000 acre feet and is subject to all prior rights held by the Utah Lake & Jordan River Users and if the latter desires, this body could request that this amount of water be diverted back into Utah Lake. The records on the amount of water stored will be kept by Mr. Stanley Roberts, Commissioner of the Provo River. It is my feeling that under the present conditions, it is only fair that we allow this action to be taken.

On October 15, 1976, the Utah Lake elevation was a -2.83 feet below compromise with the gates at the lake being held closed. A meeting of the Utah Lake & Jordan River Dam Commission was held on November 10, 1976 (lake elevation was -2.72 feet) to discuss the possibility of the gates being opened. A vote was taken and it was determined by majority vote that the gates remain closed. This Dam Commission met again on January 13, 1977 (lake elevation was -2.06 feet) for the necessity of reorganization, and it is necessary that I present to this Body the two men representing Salt Lake County to serve on this Dam Commission and the Umpire from Davis County. I would, therefore, ask that Mr. Seymour J. Godfrey and Mr. Richard Carlquist be reappointed as your Commissioners, together with Mr. Ward C. Holbrook as Umpire. As a point of interest, the gates at Utah Lake were not considered and remain closed at this time.

After Mr. Gardner completed his report, a motion was made by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Fairbourn, that Mr. Seymour J. Godfrey and Mr. Richard Carlquist be reappointed to the Dam Commission, together with Mr. Ward C. Holbrook acting as Referee on said Commission. Voted on and passed unanimously.

Mr. Norseth then discussed more fully with this membership the exchange of water from Utah Lake into Deer Creek, and also indicated that he recommends to this Board that approximately 70 c.f.s. of Provo River water owned by Utah Power & Light be transferred back into Deer Creek for culinary uses. No formal action was taken regarding this proposal, but the general overall consensus was that the irrigators under this District were more than willing to cooperate with the culinary water users of Salt Lake Valley.

Mr. Wilson then gave a report as to the status of the Provo River Parkway and its proceedings regarding acquisition of right of ways on the upper Jordan; namely, the Lampton Lake proposal. He indicated that Salt Lake County Commissioners had refused to budget any monies for this parkway due to the problem of double taxation, City versus County; but indicated there was a bill before legislature whereas the State would pick up the tab for the right of ways for both the upper and lower Jordan Parkway.

Mr. Lee then reported to this Body that an informal hearing was held with the State Engineer regarding the applications to appropriate water for Lampton Lake. At this preliminary hearing a decision was made by all parties concerned that a formal hearing be held regarding same. He will make contact with Mr. Wilson, who in turn will contact all representatives in the District as to its time and place.

Mr. Wilson then asked if there was any further business to come before this Body; there being none, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman

Secretary